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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, Re DDCI Appointment

Today I called Mr. Braswell to alert him to the fact that Ben Welles, of the New York Times, was trying to run down a story to the effect that Senator Stennis was opposing General Walters' nomination as DDCI and felt that the position should be filled by a civilian. I told Braswell that I had pleaded ignorance of the whole matter, but I thought Braswell should know that Welles was trying to run the story down. Braswell said he knew of nowhere Welles would have gotten the story on the Hill, and he assumed that it must have come from the White House. I said that the problem of the nomination had been mentioned at an LIG meeting where representatives of several agencies were present, so this was a good bet. Braswell said he had not discussed the matter recently with Senator Stennis, and apparently Senator Stennis "didn't seem particularly worried about it" at this time.

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